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# Election of 36 members of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund

Note by the Secretariat

1. By resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, the General Assembly decided that the current governing bodies of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund should be transformed into Executive Boards.

2. Under the previous arrangements, the Governing Council of UNDP/UNFPA was composed of 48 members, as follows: 11 from African States, 9 from Asian States, 4 from Eastern European States, 7 from Latin American and Caribbean States and 17 from Western European and other States, and the Executive Board of UNICEF was composed of 41 members, as follows: 9 from African States, 9 from Asian States, 4 from Eastern European States, 6 from Latin American and Caribbean States and 12 from Western European and other States and one additional seat which rotates among regional groups. The relevant resolutions also stipulated that the members of the UNDP/UNFPA and UNICEF governing bodies should serve for a term of three years, beginning on the first day of the organizational meeting in February of each year and 1 August, respectively.

3. In resolution 48/162, the General Assembly decided that the Executive Boards should each have 36 members and that the membership of each Executive Board should be with due regard to equitable geographical representation and other relevant factors, with a view to ensuring the most effective and broadest participation. The regional allocation of seats on the Executive Boards is as follows:

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(a) Eight seats for African States;

(b) Seven seats for Asian States;

(c) Four seats for Eastern European States;

(d) Five seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Twelve seats for Western European and other States (including Japan).

4. It is proposed that the Council hold elections for the transformation of the current governing bodies to the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and UNICEF during the organizational session of the Council, which is to be held from 1 to 4 February 1994.

5. Since General Assembly resolution 48/162 gives no indication of the duration of the terms of office of the members of the new Boards, it is proposed that a three-year term be maintained and that for both Boards the terms begin on 1 January.

6. Attention is drawn to the fact that it is the customary practice for the terms of members elected to intergovernmental bodies by the Council to be staggered for the initial period in order to avoid having the entire membership retire at the same time.

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